Old age homes in Punjab

1050. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Punjab where Homes for the aged persons have been constructed so far, with the capacity at each place;

(b) the places identified for providing such 'Homes' during the remaining period of the Eleventh Five Year Plan with capacity at each place; and

(c) the percentage of the needy aged persons in the State that would be left uncovered after the completion of all the Homes by the end of the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has sanctioned grant in aid to four non-governmental organisations under its Non Plan scheme for construction of old age homes at Jullundar, Bhatinda, Patiala and Faridkot with a capacity of 25 older persons in each.

(b) Since the scheme is demand-driven and subject to completion of certain formalities, the places/capacity cannot be specified.

(c) No baseline data is available.

Modification in post-graduate scholarship scheme

1051. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to modify the post-graduate scholarship scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the beneficiaries under this scheme during the last five academic years; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the proposed modifications would keep good number of otherwise eligible students out of the beneficiaries list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) There is no scheme namely 'post-graduate scholarship scheme' being dealt in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Reservation for physically challenged persons in services

1052. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation for physically challenged persons is strictly complied with in the Central and the State sectors in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details of action taken to ensure its compliance; and

(c) the details of recruitment in services in that region during the last three years; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Government of India maintains data in respect of Central Ministries/Departments. The data from Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, which is the nodal Ministry in reservation matters, indicates that the reservation provisions for physically challenged persons are being complied with.

New schemes for differently abled persons

1053. SHRI ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch new schemes for the rehabilitation of differently abled persons during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the purpose as well as the targets fixed for schemes;

(c) whether any common facility centre is proposed to be opened with Central assistance at every district of the country for differently abled persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a Central Sector Scheme of providing jobs, in the private sector, to the persons with disabilities with a proposed outlay of Rs. 15 crores in 2008-09.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Construction of Babasaheb Ambedkar Foundation in Ahmedabad

1054. SHRI KESUBHAI S. PATEL:
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has sent a proposal for central assistance for construction of Babasaheb Ambedkar Foundation in Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was not considered, since it was not covered under the scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

Grant-in-aid to Madhya Pradesh for post-matric scholarships

†1055. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government has sent a proposal for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.